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Re: Application of Masato SHIMADA and Shinri SAKAI
INK JET RECORDING HEAD AND INK JET RECORDER
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q52241

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/199,816 (Confirmation No. 4106) filed on November 25, 1998 of Masato SHIMADA and Shinri SAKAI entitled INK JET RECORDING HEAD AND INK JET RECORDER.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2855.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on January 10, 2002 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	9-323010	November 25, 1997
Japan	10-96406	April 8, 1998
Japan	10-140684	May 22, 1998
Japan	10-159354	June 8, 1998
Japan	10-207004	July 22, 1998
Japan	10-312368	November 2, 1998

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/199,816.

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The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>156</u>	- 20	=	<u>136</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$2448.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	- 3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee								<u>\$740.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee								<u>\$280.00</u>

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\$3468.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$3468.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/199,816. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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